

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method ~~Method~~ for determining the angles of oblique and arched distortion of a textile fabric ~~or similar~~, with the use of at least one optical detector with axes of symmetry orientated with respect to the fabric, the method comprising characterised by the following steps:

illuminating ~~impulse illumination~~ of an area of the fabric ~~or similar~~ with a light source;

acquiring acquisition, in digital form, of a real image of the an area of the fabric ~~or similar~~, irrespectively of the orientation of the said optical detector with respect regard to the fabric, wherein the ~~with illumination of said fabric is illuminated~~ for just the time necessary to acquire the image;

rotating rotation of the image and compensating compensation for the orientation of the axes of symmetry of the optical detector with respect regard to the fabric;

applying application to the said image of algorithms useful for increasing the reliability of the results of subsequent processing;

applying a application of the two-dimensional Fourier transformation to the ~~recorded~~ image;

calculating an calculation of the angle of local distortion by analyzing analysis of the ~~two-dimensional~~ spectrum of the Fourier transformation; and

calculating calculation of the angles of oblique and arched distortion, starting from the angle angles of local distortion.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1, wherein ~~where~~ the value of the local angle is generated only on a the request from ~~of~~ a central supervision and control system.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1, wherein ~~in which~~ the illuminating illumination ~~illumination~~ of the fabric ~~or similar~~ is carried out with single impulses and the acquiring acquisition ~~acquisition~~ of the images is synchronized with the said ~~the~~ impulses.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1, wherein ~~in which~~ the fabric ~~or similar~~ is fixed.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1, wherein ~~in which~~ the fabric ~~or similar~~ is moving in movement ~~in movement~~.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A sensor ~~Sensor~~ for determining the angles of oblique and arched distortion of a fabric ~~or similar~~ according to the method of ~~the method of~~ claim 1, the sensor characterised by the fact of ~~the sensor characterised by the fact of~~ including within a single functional unit:

focusing optics ~~of the area to be examined~~;

an ~~impulse~~ illuminator control circuit for controlling commanding ~~controlling commanding~~ the duration of the illuminating illumination ~~illumination~~; and

an integrated acquisition, processing and communication unit.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The sensor ~~Sensor~~ according to claim 6, wherein ~~in which~~ the integrated acquisition, processing and communication unit includes a static matrix photosensitive device.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A faller ~~Faller~~ device ~~intended~~ for treatment of the textile fabric ~~or similar~~, the faller device comprising ~~by means of~~ actuators for controlling correction of the distortion angles, ~~characterized by~~ at least one sensor

according to claim 6 for detecting ~~the local distortions deformations~~, and by a supervision and control system for acquiring and processing the values of the said local distortions deformations, and for controlling the actuators of the faller machine.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A machine for controlling and certifying defects in textile fabrics, the machine being configured to implement ~~The use of the method of and sensor in claim 1 in machines for controlling and certifying the defects in textile fabrics or similar.~~

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 2, wherein in which the illuminating illumination ~~of the fabric or similar~~ is carried out with single impulses and the acquiring acquisition ~~of the images~~ is synchronized with the said ~~impulses.~~

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 2, wherein in which the fabric or similar is moving movement.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 3, wherein in which the fabric or similar is moving movement.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A faller ~~Faller device intended for treatment of the textile fabric or similar, the faller device comprising by means of~~ actuators for controlling correction of the distortion angles, ~~characterized by~~ at least one sensor according to claim 7 for detecting ~~the local distortions deformations~~ and by a supervision and control system for acquiring and processing the values of the said local distortions deformations, and for controlling the actuators of the faller machine.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A machine for controlling and certifying defects in textile fabrics, the machine being configured to implement ~~The use of the~~

method of and sensor in claim 2 in machines for controlling and certifying the defects in textile fabrics or similar.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A machine for controlling and certifying defects in textile fabrics, the machine being configured to implement ~~The use of the method of and sensor in claim 3 in machines for controlling and certifying the defects in textile fabrics or similar.~~

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A machine for controlling and certifying defects in textile fabrics, the machine being configured to implement ~~The use of the method of and sensor in claim 4 in machines for controlling and certifying the defects in textile fabrics or similar.~~

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A machine for controlling and certifying defects in textile fabrics, the machine being configured to implement ~~The use of the method of and sensor in claim 5 in machines for controlling and certifying the defects in textile fabrics or similar.~~

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A machine for controlling and certifying defects in textile fabrics, the machine being configured to implement ~~The use of the method of and sensor in claim 6 in machines for controlling and certifying the defects in textile fabrics or similar.~~

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A machine for controlling and certifying defects in textile fabrics, the machine being configured to implement ~~The use of the method of and sensor in claim 7 in machines for controlling and certifying the defects in textile fabrics or similar.~~

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A machine for controlling and certifying defects in textile fabrics, the machine being configured to implement ~~The use of the~~

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method of and sensor in claim 8 in machines for controlling and certifying the defects in textile fabrics or similar.